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## Wednesday - 9 May 1951

1. At the request of Mr. Blandford, Chief Clerk of the House Armed Services Committee, I reviewed with him and approved the text of the proposed report of the Committee on S. 927 (retired officers bill).

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2. Mrs. Bradshaw, of Sen. Byrd's office, requested information of the

I then called upon Sen. Byrd and informed him regarding and he assured me that we could forget his inquiry, and that there would be no further discussion of the matter which had his hearty concurrence and approval.

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3. Mr. Morin, of Sen. Knowland's staff, called to inform me that

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4. The Director gave me the letter to him dated 8 May from Robert Lovett, Acting Secretary of Defense, enclosing a request to General Marshall dated 5 May for certain GIA information requested in turn by an enclosure from Sen. Saltonstall to Chairman Russell dated 4 May. He instructed me to discuss the matter with Chairman Russell and point out that the Director assumed office on 1 October and was not in a position to discuss prior situations; that it would be very difficult from the standpoint of protecting sources and methods to release the great mass of basic reports desired; that we had formalized our information in certain basic estimates which were divided into two parts (discussion and conclusions); that for security reasons it would be impossible to release the discussion portion; but that it might be possible to release the conclusions with the concurrence of the President. I was also instructed to show Chairman Russell the Director's memorandum to the Deputy Secretary of Defense dated 4 May 1951, subject: Summary of intelligence estimates on intervention by Chinese Communists in the Korean war.